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States, in the past few months, and thus far all seem to bear the climate and conditions here well.

I am still without advices as to the sanitary conditions of Panama and Colon, with which latter place there continues constant communication.

COSTA RICA.

Limon.—Acting Assistant Surgeon Carson reports, May 31, as follows: I respectfully report herewith that the port and also the department of Limon remain free from contagious or infectious disease.

There has been no increase in the number of patients, who have been very few for some time past, in either of the hospitals of Limon—3 in Costa Rica Railway Hospital, and 9 in the Charity Hospital; over three-fourths of these are of the colored race, and there are no reasonable grounds for even as much as a suspicion of the presence of any disease, contagious or infectious in the said hospitals, the town proper, nor in the department of Limon.

Since the last report, 27th instant, 1 death, the result of acute pneumonia, occurred on the 30th instant, in the Limon Charity Hospital.

June 2 as follows: I respectfully report herewith that the port and also the department of Limon, Costa Rica, are at this date free from contagious or infectious disease.

The 3 patients in the Costa Rica Railway Hospital (Limon) referred to in last report of 31st ultimo, with mild attacks of malarial fever, were discharged yesterday. The hospital is without a sick inmate to-day.

There have been no additions to the 9 patients (4 white and 5 colored) in the Limon Charity Hospital, and there is nothing suspicious or any cause for apprehension from that quarter.

There was 1 death in the "Port" on the 31st ultimo, an aged female of 65 years, resulting from chronic albuminuria, and another on the 1st instant, a female infant, reported as the result of debility.

NICARAGUA.

Bluefields.—Act. Asst. Surg. D. W. Goodman reports, June 2, as follows: Bluefields is free from infectious or contagious diseases, and the health of this place and the territory in proximity thereto is good.

CUBA.

Sanitary report from Cienfuegos.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *June 6, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended June 3, 1899:

The most important sanitary event of the week was the sudden advent of the rainy season, which has been so long expected and needed. With the natural reserve of water about exhausted, cisterns low and foul, wells and springs dry and the city water undrinkable, a serious outbreak of intestinal troubles was daily expected. I hope, however, that danger is now past, for the half dozen heavy rains have laid the dust and put several inches of water into the cisterns.

During the week there were 31 deaths reported, of which 8 were from enteritis, 9 from malaria, 2 from typhoid fever and 1 from tuberculosis.

The minor improvements begun some weeks ago are now completed,

the painting of the disinfecting house has been finished, one coat of priming and two of white zinc having been put on. Davits have been put up so the boat can be hoisted and cleaned, and the small wharf improved so that the boat can come alongside in rough weather without injuring it.

Respectfully, yours, S. B. GRUBBS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Yellow fever in Havana.

Sanitary Inspector W. F. Brunner reports, June 15, 1 case of yellow fever, a marine in barracks; diagnosis confirmed by post-mortem. The United States Marine-Hospital Service is performing disinfection. Two cases of yellow fever exist in the city of Puerto Principe.

Sanitary report from Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, *June 2, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended Thursday, June 1, 1899:

No deaths from yellow fever or smallpox have been reported during the week. Deaths from all causes show a slight increase over the preceding week. The death rate is about the normal one for Havana for this season of the year, excluding the years 1896, 1897, and 1898.

I have seen some statistics published in papers here and in the States, which would go to show that the town is abnormally healthy; such is not the case; for with the exception of the years enumerated above, the average year would show an equally low death rate.

The strike of the lightermen still continues, and vessels bound for northern ports in the United States are allowed to discharge cargo and receive same, at selected wharves on the Havana side of the harbor during the daytime, going out into the open bay between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

We are now disinfecting steamers of the Morgan Line plying between this port and New Orleans. So far we have disinfected the *Aransas* and *Clinton.*

On account of the prevalence of yellow fever at Vera Cruz, Mexico, medical officers detailed for the inspection of incoming vessels have been instructed to make most careful inspection of vessels, crews, and passengers.

The weather is becoming intensely warm, with occasional rains.

Very respectfully, W. F. BRUNNER,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

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